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Rev. Amos A. Phelps  
Boston  
Mass.

journey and of a residence there. If you will be so  
good as to speak to some of your brethren and  
make some inquiry and procure a place for  
me to preach a few weeks, as a mere supply I  
would like to visit you again. Just please to  
drop me a line and let me know what the pros-  
pect is. I can remain longer than the 1st April in  
this place, but I prefer not to unless constrained  
to by a sense of duty. There is at present some  
more feeling in the church which I feign would  
hope will result in a revival - and if so I  
might be persuaded to tarry a while longer.

Mrs Browne's health too is feeble. She may  
not be able to leave her as early as the 1<sup>st</sup> April  
she was confined on the 5<sup>th</sup> of Jan: since when  
she has lost her babe - and has been herself afflict-  
ed with an abscess in the breast. Our little one  
was a third son of five weeks old - and died  
with the principles after suffering severely two  
weeks. - I feel much interest in your new  
organization of anti-slavery men in Massachu-  
setts and believe that it will succeed much better  
than the old one. Our causes are doing glorious  
things for the abolition of Slavery in the disposi-  
tion the minds of anti-slavery soldiers.

Yours with affections. Maria Brown

tion and attachment of the church and society. I also urged upon them the propriety of sending this charge of heresy to the associates with definite specifications when I would be glad to meet it; and the impropriety of dismissing me without such an investigation - an investigation particularly required by the rules of our Conventions. But instead of doing this they dismissed and recommended in usual form. It was done however neither by a majority of the whole, nor of clergymen nor of laymen. There did not vote at all and of those who did vote there was a single one majority for dismissals. So I was dismissed.

Soon after my dismissals I located my family in this place as a supply until Spring, giving the people at the same time to understand that they need not think of me for settlement. They were so much divided among themselves as to be unable to settle on any one. They have been so far two or three years. My term will expire about the first of April - when I shall move in some duties. I think I should go to the west if this Governor's health was not rather feeble - too much do I fear to endure the trials and hardships of such a

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Brother Phelps

You have probably <sup>had</sup> heard  
of my dismission from Thoron and of the cause  
of it. The whole cause of complaint was Sojourner  
or New Divinity. The number apposed never  
amounted to one fifth of the church. But as  
Geo Smith - son of Geo<sup>r</sup> Smith together with his  
~~father~~ led ~~the~~ apposition it was more difficult  
to encounter. They rendered my condition so  
unpleasant that I concluded to call the con-  
sociates to consider the case. When they  
convened it was found that the whole cause  
of dissatisfaction was of a theological na-  
ture. The church by their committee made  
apposition to my dismission. Stating some facts  
such as that nearly one half of the 230 members  
of the church had been admitted by profession  
during the three years of my ministry - a num-  
ber twice as large as the admissions to any other  
church in the consociates - also the general soterfor-